

641—22.5(135) Equipment.

22.5(1) Cups to hold ink or dye shall be for single-patron use.

22.5(2) Any dye or ink in which needles were dipped shall not be used on another person.

22.5(3) All tubes, needle bars, and needles used for the tattoo procedure that are not sterile, for single-patron use and disposable shall be physically cleaned with a detergent according to manufacturers' recommendations and then steam sterilized or dry-heat sterilized before use on another patron.

22.5(4) Steam sterilization shall be at 250 degrees Fahrenheit (121 degrees Celsius) for 15 minutes at a minimum pressure of 15 pounds per square inch.

22.5(5) Dry-heat sterilization shall be at 350 degrees Fahrenheit (170 degrees Celsius) for one hour.

22.5(6) Sterilizers shall be monitored monthly for spores of *Bacillus subtilis* and records shall be maintained of results.

22.5(7) Each tattoo establishment shall maintain written procedures to follow in the event of positive spore tests; for example, materials processed in that sterilizer, dating from the sterilization cycle having the positive biological indicator to the next cycle showing satisfactory biologic indicator challenge results, must be considered nonsterile and must be reprocessed before being used.

22.5(8) Each tattoo establishment shall be equipped with a container designated for disposal of used needles and other sharps. A written plan for disposal shall be required.

22.5(9) Any bottles of solution shall be labeled as to contents and used according to manufacturers' directions.

22.5(10) Use of clippers is recommended for removal of unwanted hair. After use, clippers shall be cleaned with detergent and water and then disinfected with 70 percent ethyl or isopropyl alcohol for ten minutes or with quaternary ammonium compounds as directed on the product label.

22.5(11) Razors shall be for single-patron use and shall be disposable.

22.5(12) Topical ointments shall be for single-patron use.

22.5(13) All equipment shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.